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TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: *Robin Kay for*
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SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO INCREASE DELEGATED AUTHORITY PERCENTAGE
FOR LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

This memorandum is to comply with Board Policy Manual, Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board-Approved Contract Amounts. The Policy mandates that any department requesting a percentage increase in delegated authority exceeding ten percent of the total contract amount must provide a detailed justification and advance written notice to your Board, with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer, at least two weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the proposed contract is to be presented.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) requests an additional thirty percent for a total of forty percent delegated authority for the Legal Entity (LE) Agreement with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). This will enable LAUSD to deliver additional mental health services through claiming of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) using LAUSD funding as the local match. As such, we anticipate that this will require greater flexibility for DMH to process the FFP and pay LAUSD. This will allow for expansion of the LAUSD Wellness Centers to provide increased access to mental health services for students and their families in communities of greatest need. Amending the DMH LE Agreement with LAUSD to include Wellness Centers is expected to result in an estimated 1,500 unduplicated students having greater access to mental health services. Other benefits for this project will be to maximize internal and external school/community partnerships, and leverage funding in a creative manner to make additional services available at no cost to the County.

Should there be need to exceed the forty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the LE Agreement accordingly.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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